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SUBJECT: BONN GROUP CONSULTATIONS PAPER

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1. FRENCH REP (DE BOISSIEU) REPORTED AT MAY 29 BONN GROUP MEETING THAT PARIS HAS AGREED TO AD REF TEXT PROVIDED REFTEL. UK REP (CROMARTIE) SAID FCO FOUND TEXT ACCEPTABLE BUT, IN ORDER TO MAKE CLEAR THAT FRG AND THREE ALLIES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR BERLIN WERE NOT IDENTICAL, UK WOULD LIKE TO ADD WORD "RESPECTIVELY" IN FIRST SENTENCE BETWEEN "FRG" AND "FOR". FRG REP (LUECKING) SAID THAT BONN AGREES TO AD REF TEXT, WHICH IN GERMAN LANGUAGE DID NOT SEEM TO REQUIRE ANY ALTERING TO MEET UK POINT SINCE TEXT IN GERMAN DID NOT IMPLY IN ANY WAY THAT RESPONSIBILITIES WERE IDENTICAL. HE WOULD, HOWEVER, ATTEMPT TO FIND A FORMULATION SUITABLE TO BRITISH. U.S. REP SAID THAT HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS BUT, IF AD REF TEXT WERE AGREEABLE TO AUTHORITIES, HE WAS SURE UK PROPOSAL WOULD BE.

2. REGARDING HANDLING OF PAPER, FRG REP PROPOSED THAT AT VERY LEAST IT "BE TAKEN COGNIZANCE OF" BY FOUR FONMINS AT QUAD DINNER IN OTTAWA. CROMARTIE SAID UK WAS "NOT ANXIOUS" TO HAVE MINISTERS "ENDORSE" PAPER THERE, AS THAT WOULD BE "TOO MUCH", BUT HE FELT SURE LONDON COULD AGREE

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TO THEIR "TAKING COGNIZANCE OF" IT. BOISSIEU SAID HIS

FORMER AMBASSADOR AND NOW NEW FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES THOUGHT IT WAS NECESSARY TO INCLUDE THE PAPER ON THE QUAD DINNER AGENDA SO IT COULD RECEIVE THEIR BLESSING. THE PAPER WOULD HAVE, OF COURSE, BEEN AGREED BY THE GOVERNMENTS BEFOREHAND, SO ALL THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY IS FOR THE FOUR MINISTERS TO NOTE IT WAS ACCEPTABLE TO THEM; HENCE, THIS BLESSING WAS SAME THING AS "TAKING COGNIZANCE OF". U.S. REP SAID HE BELIEVED THIS PROCEDURE WOULD SERVE A VERY USEFUL PURPOSE. CROMARTIE, HOWEVER, SAID HE WISHED TO EMPHASIZE THAT LONDON PREFERRED NO FORMAL ENDORSEMENT.

3. COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION: WE SIZE UP THE SITUATION AS FOLLOWS.

(A) THE TALKING POINTS PREVIOUSLY AGREED FOR POSSIBLE USE IN NEW YORK FORM THE HEART OF THE SUBSTANTIVE "POLITICAL DOCUMENT" AND COMMITMENT UNDERTAKEN REGARDING PROPOSALS FOR BERLIN.

(B) THE PRESENT, AD REF, TEXT WOULD SERVE AS THE "HANDLE" FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN ITS DEALINGS ON BERLIN PROPOSALS WITHIN THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT.

(C) IF PUT ON QUAD DINNER AGENDA, OPPORTUNITY COULD BE USED ALSO TO GET REAFFIRMATION FROM GERMANS OF TALKING POINTS AGREED EARLIER, THUS LOCKING IN NEW FRG FONMIN GENSCHER ON BOTH COUNTS.

(D) FRG HAS RESPONDED FORTHCOMINGLY TO THIS U.S. INITIATIVE AND WE COULD EXPECT A FAIRLY SERIOUS NEGATIVE REACTION FROM BONN IF CONSULTATIONS PAPER PROJECT WERE TO FALL THROUGH NOW.

GIVEN POINTS ABOVE, AND FACT THAT OTHER THREE BONN GROUP MEMBERS HAVE FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES AGREED TO AD REF TEXT TRANSMITTED REFTTEL, WE RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT APPROVE DRAFT.
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